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In re Patent Application of ) Group Art Unit: 3766  
Mark P. Anstadt et al. ) Examiner: Frances P. Oropeza  
Application No.: 10/607,434 ) Confirmation No.: 5213  
Filing Date: June 26, 2003 )  
Title: SENSOR-EQUIPPED AND )  
ALGORITHM CONTROLLED DIRECT )  
MECHANICAL VENTRICULAR )  
ASSIST DEVICE )

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the  395  790 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

1.  A. Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 2 below.

B. Applicant(s) previously submitted the following documents for which continued examination is requested:  
 Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
 Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. The following documents are enclosed with this submission:

Amendment/Reply.  
 Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).  
 Information Disclosure Statement.  
 A Petition for Extension of Time.  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3.  Small entity status is hereby claimed.

The PTO did not receive the following  
listed item(s) ALL OF 395

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- No additional claim fee is required.
- The fee is calculated below on the basis of the highest number of claims already paid for in this application prior to this submission:

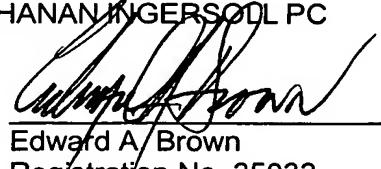
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<b>Examination Fee (1801)</b>					<b>\$ 790.00</b>
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Total Claims	243	Minus 234=	0	x 50 (1202)	\$ 0
Independent Claims	10	Minus 10=	0	x 200 (1201)	\$ 0
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$ 360					\$ 0
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5.  A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the fee due.
6.  Charge \$395.00 to credit card for the fee due. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
7.  Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
8.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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